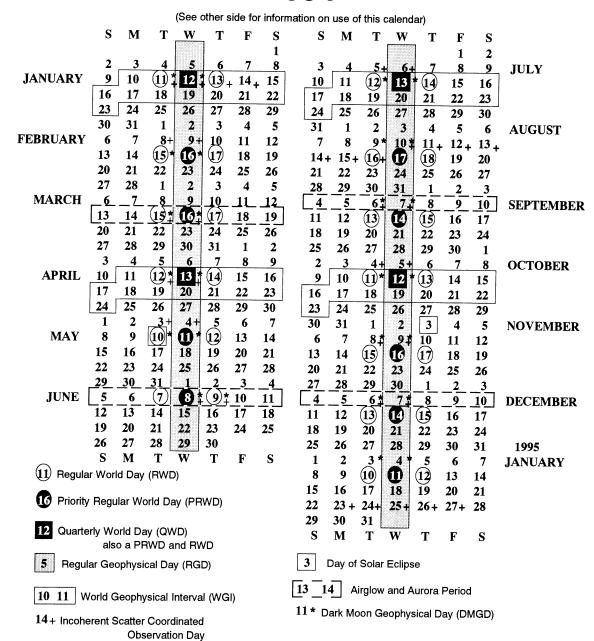
International Geophysical Calendar



NOTES on other dates and programs of interest:

- 1. Days with significant meteor shower activity are: Northern Hemisphere Jan 3-4; Apr 21-23; May 4-5; Jun 6-11, 27-29; Aug 10-15; Oct 20-23; Nov 17-18; Dec 12-14, 22-23, 1994; Jan 3-4,1995. Southern Hemisphere Apr 23; May 4-5; Jun 6-11, 27-29; Jul 28-29; Oct 20-23; Nov 17-18; Dec 12-14, 1994.
- 2. GAW (Global Atmosphere Watch) -- early warning system for changes in greenhouse gases, ozone layer, and long range transport of pollutants. (See Explanations.)
- 3. SOLTIP (Solar connection with Transient Interplanetary Processes). Observing Program 1990-1997: solar-generated phenomena and their propagation throughout the heliosphere. (See Explanations.)
- 4. FLARES22 (FLAre RESearch at solar cycle 22 max). Observing Program 1990-1997: basic physical processes of transient solar activity and its coupling with solar-terrestrial environment. (See Explanations.)
- 5. Day intervals that IMP 8 satellite is in the solar wind (begin and end days are generally partial days): 27 Dec 1993-4 Jan 1994; 9-17 Jan; 22-29 Jan; 4-11 Feb; 16-23 Feb; 28 Feb-7 Mar; 12-20 Mar; 25 Mar-1 Apr; 6-14 Apr; 19-27 Apr; 2-10 May; 14-22 May; 26 May-3 Jun; 7-15 Jun; 20-28 Jun; 3-10 Jul; 15-23 Jul; 28 Jul-4 Aug; 10-17 Aug; 22-29 Aug; 4-10 Sep; 16-22 Sep; 29 Sep-5 Oct; 11-18 Oct; 24-30 Oct; 5-12 Nov; 18-25 Nov; 1-7 Dec; 14-20 Dec; 26 Dec 1994-1 Jan 1995. Note that there will not necessarily be total IMP 8 data monitoring coverage during these intervals. (Information kindly provided by the WDC-A for Rockets and Satellites, NASA GSFC, Greenbelt, MD 20771 U.S.A.).
- 6. + Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observations Days (see Explanations) starting at 1600 UT on the first day of the intervals indicated, and ending at 1600 UT on the last day of the intervals: 11-14 Jan 1994 GISMOS; 8-9 Feb PATCHES; 15-16 Mar SUNDIAL; 12-13 Apr; 3-4 May; 8-9 Jun; 5-6 Jul GISMOS; 10-16 Aug CADITS/MLTCS; 6-7 Sep; 4-5 Oct; 8-9 Nov; 6-7 Dec GISMOS; 23-27 Jan 1995 JOULE where CADITS= Coupling and Dynamics of the Ionosphere-Thermosphere System;

GISMOS= Global Ionospheric Simultaneous Measurements of Substorms;

JOULE= Joule Heating;

MLTCS= Mesosphere, Lower-Thermosphere Coupling Study;

PATCHES= Polar Cap Patches;

SUNDIAL= Coordinated study of the ionosphere/magnetosphere;

EXPLANATIONS

This Calendar continues the series begun for the IGY years 1957-58, and is issued annually to recommend dates for solar and geophysical observations which cannot be carried out continuously. Thus, the amount of observational data in existence tends to be larger on Calendar days. The recommendations on data reduction and especially the flow of data to World Data Centers (WDCs) in many instances emphasize Calendar days. The Calendar is prepared by the international Ursigram and World Days Service (IUWDS) with the advice of spokesmen for the various scientific disciplines.

The Solar Eclipses are:

- a.) 10 May 1994 (annular) crosses continental U.S., passing Baja CA, Mexico, southeast AZ, south NM, northwest TX, parts of OK, KS, MO, IL, IN, OH, northern NY, VT and NH, south ME, south New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, ends in West Africa. 94% sun covered -- direct viewing not safe. Partial phases in N. America, from north Alaska, northeast to Siberia, to western edge Europe and Africa in east, and Panama and north Venezuela and Colombia in south.
- b.) 3 November 1994 (total) visible in S. America beginning near where Peru, Chile and Bolivia join (totality 2.75 min, sun alt. 25 deg); totality lengthens as it moves east passing Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil (totality 4 min), crosses Atlantic, then 800km south of CapeTown, S. Africa. Partial phases in all S. America & Central America and southern third Africa, parts of Antarctica. (Description by Dr. Jay Pasachoff.)

Meteor Showers (selected by R. Hawkes, Canada) include important visual showers and also unusual showers observable mainly by radio and radar techniques. These can be studied for their own geophysical effects or may be "geophysical noise" to other experiments. The dates are given in Note 1 under the Calendar.

Definitions:

Time = Universal Time (UT);

Regular Geophysical Days (RGD) = each Wednesday;

Regular World Days (RWD)

- = Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday near the middle of the month (see calendar);
- Priority Regular World Days (PRWD) = the Wednesday RWD;

Quarterly World Days (QWD) = PRWD in the WGI;

World Geophysical Intervals (WGI) = 14 consecutive days each

season (see calendar);

- ALERTS = occurrence of unusual solar or geophysical conditions. broadcast once daily soon after 0400 UT:
- **STRATWARM** = stratospheric warmings;

Retrospective World Intervals (RWI) = intervals selected by

MONSEE for study.

For more detailed explanations of the definitions, please see one of the following or contact H. Coffey (address below): Solar-Geophysical Data, November issue; URSI Information Bulletin; COSPAR Information Bulletin; IAGA News; IUGG Chronicle; WMO Bulletin; IAU Information Bulletin; Journal of the Radio Research Laboratories (Japan); Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (USSR); Journal of Atmospheric and Terrestrial Physics (UK); EOS Magazine (AGU/USA).

Priority recommended programs for measurements not made continuously (in addition to unusual ALERT periods): Aurora and Airglow — Observation periods are New Moon periods, especially the 7 day intervals on the calendar;

Atmospheric Electricity — Observation periods are the RGD each Wednesday, beginning on 5 January 1994 at 0000 UT, 12 January at 0600 UT, 19 January at 1200 UT, 26 January at 1800 UT, etc. Minimum program is PRWDs.

Geomagnetic Phenomena — At minimum, need observation periods and data reduction on RWDs and during MAGSTORM Alerts.

Ionospheric Phenomena — Quarter-hourly ionograms; more frequently on RWDs, particularly at high latitude sites; f-plots on

RWDs; hourly ionograms to WDCs on QWDs; continuous observations for solar eclipse in the eclipse zone. See Airglow and Aurora.

Incoherent Scatter - Observations on Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Days; also intensive series on WGIs or Airglow and Aurora periods. Special programs: Dr. J. Holt, M.I.T. Haystack Observatory, Route 40, Westford, MA 01886 U.S.A., URSI Working Group G.5 (617)981-5625; e-mail AMES::"jmh@chaos.haystack.edu". Ionospheric Drifts -- During weeks with RWDs.

Traveling lonosphere Disturbances — special periods, probably PRWD or RWDs.

Ionospheric Absorption — Half-hourly on RWDs; continuous on solar eclipse days for stations in eclipse zone and conjugate area. Daily measurements during Absorption Winter Anomaly at temperate latitude stations (Oct-Mar Northern Hemisphere; Apr-Sep Southern Hemisphere).

Backscatter and Forward Scatter - RWDs at least. Mesospheric D region electron densities — RGD around

ELF Noise Measurements of earth-ionosphere cavity resonances - WGIs.

All Programs — Appropriate intensive observations during unusual

Meteorology — Especially on RGDs. On WGIs and STRAT-WARM Alert Intervals, please monitor on Mondays and Fridays as well as Wednesdays.

Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) — WMO program measures atmospheric composition; early warning system for greenhouse gases, ozone changes and transport of pollutants. Contact WMO, 41 ave Giuseppe-Mota, P.O. Box 2300, 1211 Geneva 2 Switzerland.

Solar Phenomena — Solar eclipse days, RWDs, and during PROTON/FLARE ALERTS.

FLARES22 (FLAre RESearch at the maximum of solar cycle 22) - observations of basic physical processes of transient solar activity and its coupling with the solar-terrestrial environment, including times of the various solar ALERTS. Coordinate satellite and ground-based observations. Contact Dr. M. Machado, Dept of Physics, Univ of Alabama, Huntsville, AL 35899 USA. (205)895-6676; SPAN SSL::MACHADO; FAX (205)895-6790.

SOLTIP (SOlar connection with Transient Interplanetary Processes) -- 1990-97 observations and analyses of solar-generated phenomena propagating through heliosphere, including times following the various solar ALERTS. Includes Interplanetary Scintillation observations of radio galaxies and telemetry signals to/from interplanetary spacecraft. Also coordination of spacecraft IMP8, ICE, Giotto, Sakigake, Voyager 1/2, Pioneer 10/11, Ulysses, Relict, Wind, SOHO, Galileo and ACE. Contact Dr. M. Dryer, NOAA R/E/SE, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303 USA. (303)497-3978; SPAN SELVAX::MDRYER; FAX (303)497-3645.

Space Research, Interplanetary Phenomena, Cosmic Rays, Aeronomy — QWDs, RWD, and Airglow & Aurora periods.

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